



# The West Springfield Shield



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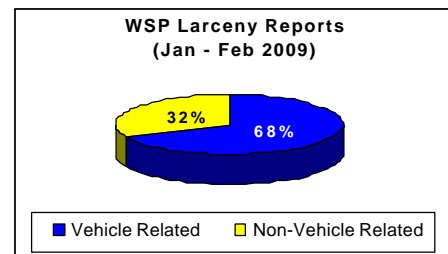
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## THE WEST SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT STATION URGES YOU TO HELP REDUCE THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

The men and women of the West Springfield District Station know how important it is to maintain safe and enjoyable communities as well as preserve the high quality of life that we have all come to enjoy in Fairfax County.



The West Springfield District is experiencing higher than average incidents of larcenies and we are currently undertaking initiatives to help curb these trends. A strong majority of these incidents involve thefts from motor vehicles. Global Positioning Systems (GPS), and other valuable items left inside vehicles continue to be targeted. These items are often in plain view to anyone walking by your car or truck. In far too many of these incidents the vehicles were left unlocked.

The West Springfield District Station Crime Prevention Unit offers you the following tips to help prevent or deter these thefts. Remember you can make a difference and help us eliminate these crimes of opportunity.

- Do not leave valuables visible from the outside. Remove portable GPS units from the dashboard, including the cradle. Do not place it in the glove box or under the seat.
- Keep a supply of moist towelettes to clean the suction cup mark off the windshield.
- Do not leave other valuables inside the vehicle, including laptop computers, cameras, satellite radios or cellular telephones.
- Lock all doors and close windows when leaving the car, even if it is only for a short time.
- When possible, try to park the vehicle in a well-lit, busy area.



For more information regarding this or other important crime prevention initiatives, please contact the West Springfield Crime Prevention Unit at 703-644-5026.

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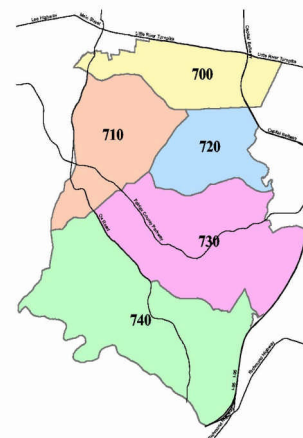
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## Crime Bulletin for the Month of February 2009



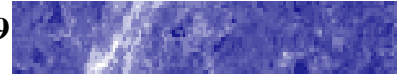
### UPDATE: HOMICIDE

5400 Block / Moultrie Road

Police have released new details regarding the deaths of three men hoping someone will step forward with new suspect information. Investigators believe Terence Strobe, 38, Ryan Strobe, 26, and Andres Yelicie, 26, were killed during a narcotics-involved robbery around 9:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19 in the 5400 block of Moultrie Road in Springfield. They died as a result of multiple stab wounds to their upper bodies and detectives have reason to believe this incident was not random in nature.

One victim described the suspects as males, wearing black clothing with the words "Police" and "SWAT" displayed. Witnesses observed an older-model Chevrolet Blazer or Jeep, near the home on the night of the homicide and the day prior. The vehicle was light-colored, possibly gold, and had Maryland license plates. A second vehicle was also seen near the home about one hour prior to the murders. It was described as a white, compact car with Maryland license plates. Detectives do not believe the suspects were direct acquaintances of the victims; however, the suspects may have learned of the narcotics sales in the victims' home indirectly through friends of the victims.

Detectives continue to follow up on leads in this case. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES(274637). In addition to the \$1,000 cash reward being offered by Crime Solvers, an additional private reward of \$10,000 is also being offered for information that leads to an arrest in this case. As always, callers never have to give their names or appear in court.

**BURGLARY SERIES****\*\*\*\*\*ARREST MADE\*\*\*\*\***

8700 Block / Wadebrook Terrace

Four teenagers and one adult face 36 criminal charges for a burglary spree in the Saratoga area. Officers from the West Springfield Station have charged four teenage boys and one man with allegedly breaking into seven homes during November and December of 2008 and stealing game systems, electronics, cash and more. After a three-month investigation, detectives and other officers were able to place 34 felony charges and two misdemeanor charges against two 15-year-olds and a 16-year-old from Springfield, a 17-year-old of no fixed address and the adult. The 15-year-olds were arrested on Tuesday, December 9 in their homes and transported to the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center. They were each charged with four counts of burglary and five counts of grand larceny.

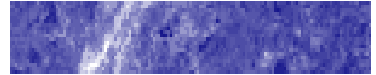
The 17-year-old was arrested on Thursday, December 18 near Rockshire Street and Rockshire Court. He was transported to the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center and charged with five counts of burglary and seven counts of grand larceny. He was also served with an outstanding detention order for a prior, unrelated charge. The 16-year-old was arrested on Friday, January 9 in his home and transported to the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center where he was charged with one count each of burglary, grand larceny and receiving stolen property. Warrants have been obtained for the adult for burglary, grand larceny and destruction of property. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

**BURGLARY****\*\*\*\*\*ARREST MADE\*\*\*\*\***

5400 Block / Helm Court

Two men were arrested shortly after midnight on Thursday, January 29 for allegedly breaking into two homes just a few hours before. Around midnight, a man heard someone inside his home in the 5400 block of Helm Court but the intruder fled when the man's dogs started barking. Police responded and a Fairfax County Police helicopter located a suspicious vehicle parked nearby. As they approached, the vehicle drove off toward Grovewood Way and Berrywood Court. There, the car stopped and the two occupants inside, Dustin Drake and Jacob Cover, fled on foot but were apprehended. Further investigation in the area revealed that a house in the 5200 block of Windsor Hills Drive had been broken into and two game systems were stolen some time between 10:30 p.m. and midnight. The stolen property was located inside the suspects' vehicle and the car was consequently seized by police for transporting stolen property.

Drake, 20, of 5834 Wood Poppy Court, and Cover, 20, of 5473 Safe Harbor Court, both in Burke, were transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where they were both charged with one count of burglary and grand larceny. Cover was additionally charged with resisting arrest and destruction of property. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

**FRAUD BY FALSE PRETENSES****\*\*\*\*\*ARREST MADE\*\*\*\*\***

8900 Block / Village Shops Drive

A man was arrested on Monday, February 2 for allegedly defrauding BB&T bank in December. On Friday, December 12, 2008, the man opened an account at the BB&T bank, located at 8920 Village Shops Drive. The next day, another man deposited an undisclosed amount of cash into the first man's account. A few minutes later at a different branch, the money was withdrawn from an ATM and minutes after that, the man who made the deposit went back to the bank and reversed his deposit, getting the money back. Bank employees realized the scam but the suspects were already gone. On Monday, February 2, the original suspect entered the bank and employees immediately notified the police. Officers arrived and took Assegid Messay, 21, of 8210 Maple Leaf Court in Springfield, into custody. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with fraud by false pretenses. The investigation continues to identify the second suspect.

**ROBBERY**

Northedge Drive / Scott Street

A man was robbed walking to a bus stop near Northedge Drive and Scott Street on Thursday, January 29. The victim, a 25-year-old Springfield-area man, was walking to the bus stop at 4 in the morning when a vehicle passed him on the road. The car turned around and stopped next to him. The driver of the car exited, brandished a handgun and demanded money. The victim relinquished his wallet and the suspect drove away. There were no injuries. The suspect was described as in his 20s, approximately 5 feet 9 inches tall and 165 pounds. He was wearing a scarf over his face, a black hoodie, dark pants and dark gloves. The car was described as possibly a two-door Honda, blue or black in color. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

**ABDUCTION/SEXUAL BATTERY****\*\*\*\*\*ARREST MADE\*\*\*\*\***

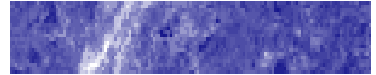
7600 Block / Little River Turnpike

A man was arrested after allegedly grabbing a 41-year-old Laurel, Maryland woman on Friday, January 30. Around 11:15 p.m., the victim, an employee of Westwood College, located at 7619 Little River Turnpike, Suite 500, noticed a student sitting in a restricted area and asked him to leave. He did not respond so she sought out an administrator who also told him to leave the area. The student walked out but returned minutes later, grabbed the victim and touched her inappropriately while trying to pull her into another room. The administrator pushed the suspect off of the victim. Officers arrived and located Willard Newsome, 28, of Landover, Maryland, and took him into custody. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with abduction and sexual battery.

**ATTEMPTED BURGLARY**

7600 Block / Allman Drive

A man attempted to break into a home in the 7600 block of Allman Drive on Friday, February 6. The victim, a 42-year-old Annandale woman, heard a noise outside around 11:15 p.m. and discovered a man standing outside her window. He fled when he saw her. The suspect was described as Hispanic, in his 20s. He was about 5 feet 2 inches tall and 140 pounds. He wore a gray hoodie, jeans and a red cap with a black stripe on it.

**LARCENY****\*\*\*\*\*ARREST MADE\*\*\*\*\***

Braddock Road / Rolling Road

A 17-year-old boy has been arrested for breaking into vehicles and stealing GPS units, iPods and other items from cars parked in the Rutherford-area subdivision. The teen was arrested on Friday, February 13 after an officer saw several items that matched stolen property from the West Springfield Police District for sale on the internet. The officer, posing as an interested buyer, contacted the seller and made arrangements to meet. They met at the King's Park Shopping Center around 3:15 p.m. where the officer was able to make positive identification of items and link them to the stolen property reports. The officer then charged the Fairfax teen with larceny. Police are attempting to match stolen items with rightful owners. If you believe you were a victim of these auto larcenies, you may contact the West Springfield Police District station at 703-644-7377.

**SUSPICIOUS DEATH**

7200 Block / Laketree Drive

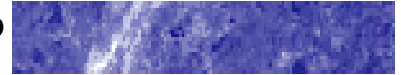
Fairfax County Police received a 9-1-1 call from a home in the 7200 block of Laketree Drive on Monday, February 16 shortly after 10:30 a.m. The caller said someone had been shot. Officers checked the home and found two victims of apparent gunshot wounds. The 58-year-old female, Margaret Ann Teague, had been shot in the torso and was deceased. The 59-year-old man, also shot in the torso, was alive and was transported by ground to Inova Fairfax Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Detectives and Crime Scene technicians processed the scene and are attempting to determine the exact course of events. This incident is believed to have been domestic in nature and there does not appear to be a threat to public safety. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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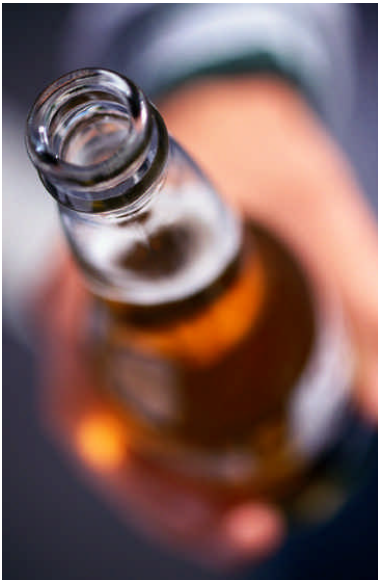
8900 Block / Burke Lake Road

Police were alerted to two men posing as inspectors from the United States Department of Labor, OSHA Division. On Wednesday, February 18 shortly before noon, police were called to a business in the Kings Park Shopping Center at 8942 Burke Lake Road. The business owner, a 51-year-old Burke-area woman, told police two men entered the store, produced a business card identifying themselves as OSHA inspectors and told the owner they needed to check the OSHA posters to make sure they were in compliance. The victim allowed them to do so and was subsequently told that the posters were out of date. The suspects told the victim she would need to purchase current posters from them. She wrote the suspects a check and they left. The victim thought this transaction was suspicious and called another local business owner. That owner encountered the same suspects the week before but was suspicious and did not purchase their posters. The victim then called the police to report the incident. Officers located the suspects nearby and questioned them. Marc David Jensen Jr., 38, and Ian T. Ezyk, 28, both of 610 Roberts Drive in Vienna were charged with a solicitation violation and released on summonses. During the course of this investigation, a third suspect was identified and apprehended. Levette Douglas, 30, of Washington, D.C. was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with grand larceny. Police believe other business owners may have been targeted by this scam. If you believe you are a victim, please call the Fairfax County Police, West Springfield District Station at 703-644-7377.





## Tips for Teens: The Truth about Alcohol, Get the Facts:



**Alcohol affects your brain.** Drinking excess alcohol leads to a loss of coordination, poor judgment, slowed reflexes, distorted vision, memory lapses and even blackouts.

**Alcohol affects your body.** Alcohol can damage every organ in your body. It is absorbed directly into your bloodstream and can increase your risk for a variety of life-threatening diseases, including cancer.

**Alcohol affects your self-control.** Alcohol depresses your central nervous system, lowers your inhibitions, and impairs your judgment. Drinking can lead to risky behaviors, including having unprotected sex. This may expose you to HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases or cause unwanted pregnancy.

**Alcohol can kill you.** Drinking large amounts of alcohol can lead to coma or even death. Also, in 1998, 35.8 percent of traffic deaths of 15 to 20-year-olds were alcohol-related.

**Alcohol can hurt you -- even if you're not the one drinking.** If you're around people who are drinking, you have an increased risk of being seriously injured, involved in car crashes or affected by violence. At the very least, you may have to deal with people who are sick, out of control or unable to take care of themselves.

**Before You Risk It: Know the law.** It is illegal to buy or possess alcohol if you are under 21.

### More Facts

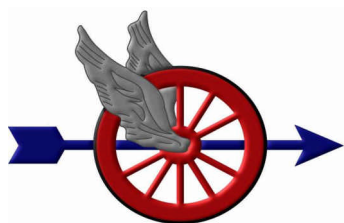
**Stay informed.** "Binge" drinking means having five or more drinks on one occasion. About 15 percent of teens are binge drinkers in any given month.

**Know the risks.** Mixing alcohol with medications or illicit drugs is extremely dangerous and can lead to accidental death. Alcohol-medication interactions may be a factor in at least 25 percent of emergency room admissions.

**Look around you.** Most teens aren't drinking alcohol. Research shows that 70 percent of people 12-20 years-old haven't had a drink in the past month.

**What can you do to help someone who has a drinking problem? Be a real friend. You might even save a life. Encourage your friend to stop or seek professional help. For information and referrals, call the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information at 800-729-6686.**





**FAIRFAX COUNTY**  
**POLICE**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
**TRAFFIC**  
**DIVISION**

**Yearly fatal crash  
totals:**

**To date, there have  
been**

**8**

**persons killed in  
crashes on  
our roadways!**



**HELP REDUCE  
INJURIES RESULTING  
FROM CRASHES.  
WEAR YOUR SAFETY  
BELTS!**



## **LAW OF THE MONTH: Receiving Stolen Property / Identification**

### **§ 18.2-108. Receiving, etc., stolen goods.**

A. If any person buys or receives from another person, or aids in concealing, any stolen goods or other thing, knowing the same to have been stolen, he shall be deemed guilty of larceny thereof, and may be proceeded against, although the principal offender is not convicted.

B. If any person buys or receives any goods or other thing, used in the course of a criminal investigation by law enforcement that such person believes to have been stolen, he shall be deemed guilty of larceny thereof.

### **§ 18.2-96.1. Identification of certain personalty.**

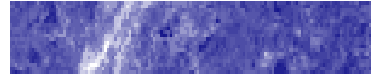
A. The owner of personal property may permanently mark such property, including any part thereof, for the purpose of identification with the social security number of the owner, preceded by the letters "VA."

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, alter, deface, destroy, conceal, or otherwise obscure the manufacturer's serial number or marks, including personalty marked with a social security number preceded by the letters "VA," from such personal property or any part thereof, without the consent of the owner, with intent to render it or other property unidentifiable.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess such personal property or any part thereof, without the consent of the owner, knowing that the manufacturer's serial number or any other distinguishing identification number or mark, including personalty marked with a social security number preceded by the letters "VA," has been removed, altered, defaced, destroyed, concealed, or otherwise obscured with the intent to violate the provisions of this section.

E. A person in possession of such property which is otherwise in violation of this section may apply in writing to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Virginia State Police, for assignment of a number for the personal property providing he can show that he is the lawful owner of the property. If a number is issued in conformity with the provisions of this section, then the person to whom it was issued and any person to whom the property is lawfully disposed of shall not be in violation of this section. This subsection shall apply only when the application has been filed by a person prior to arrest or authorization of a warrant of arrest for that person by a court.

F. Any person convicted of an offense under this section, when the value of the personalty is less than \$200, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and, when the value of the personalty is \$200 or more, shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.



## FCPD QUESTIONS FOR YOU

by VIPS JOHN BAUER

### DO YOU KNOW:

**How to protect your second biggest investment?**

**Your car is worth more for its parts than as a complete vehicle?**

**What a “chop shop” is? (Hint: It is not the local butcher)**



Vehicle theft is a crime of opportunity and a car is stolen on an average of every 20 seconds in the United States. Unless a professional thief has an order for a specific make or model, he will usually opt for the vehicle he can get into and start the fastest. This may or may not be the most expensive car on the block. To illustrate, if a Mercedes and a Chevy are parked at a convenience store and the Mercedes is locked up tight but the Chevy is sitting there with the engine running, keys in the ignition and the doors unlocked, which car do you think will be stolen?

There are several ways to protect your car and most of the simplest are totally free:

- Lock your vehicle and take your keys (even while getting gas).
- Do not let the vehicle “warm up” while it is unattended.
- Park in the garage at home if you have one.
- Pick a well-lit spot away from dumpsters, trailers or other obstructions.
- Never leave valuables where they can be seen through the windows.
- Remove anything with your name and address on it and carry your vehicle registration in your purse or wallet.
- Obtain anti-theft stickers from your insurance company or AAA.
- The vehicle’s identification number can be etched on the vehicle windows; this is called VIN Etching.

Once a thief succeeds in getting into your vehicle and drives it away what happens to it? Many times, the vehicle is taken for a joy ride or used in a criminal act. In either of these cases, it will probably be found abandoned. Sometimes the vehicle is taken to a “chop shop” where skilled thieves strip it into a complete collection of parts in less than five minutes and other times the vehicle is taken to a port, placed in a shipping container and sent overseas. Obviously, in the last two cases you will never see your vehicle again.

Surprisingly, vehicles which are several years old are worth more for their parts than a brand new one, and older vehicles are stolen more often than current year models for that reason. In any event, the faster you report a missing vehicle, the better your chances of recovery. Do not forget to notify your insurance company as well.

There are a number of inexpensive products on the market which help deter vehicle theft:

- “The Club®” - a device that protects the steering wheel and air bag.
- Wheel locks - help prevent expensive rims and tires from being stolen.
- Vehicle alarms
- Anti-theft tracking devices

Remember, the objective is to make your vehicle less attractive and provide layers of security which will help slow the thief down so that he will look elsewhere for a place to commit his crime.



# April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 CAC Jail Tour 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Kings Park NW Training	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Park Glen NW Training 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Schedule of Events

April 7, 2009  
**CAC Jail Tour:**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Meet at**  
**West Springfield**  
**District Station**  
**Bus Transportation:**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**or meet at the**  
**Adult Detention Center**  
**4100 Chain Bridge Rd.**  
**Fairfax, VA 22030**

**DON'T BE A PARTY TO **TEENAGE DRINKING.****  
**IT'S AGAINST THE LAW.**



**KEEP KIDS SAFE!**  
**Don't Provide Alcohol to Youth**  
**Under the Age of 21!**

**The countywide Initiative to reduce Underage Drinking is endorsed by Fairfax County Public Schools and Fairfax County government.**

**Call 703-691-2131, TTY 771 to report underage parties to the police.**

**Contact 571-423-4270 for further information**

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Fairfax County has adopted regulations to promote public health, safety and general welfare. These regulations are enforced by different agencies within the county. To view a brochure that lists the most common neighborhood issues and the agencies responsible for addressing them please visit:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/faqs/concerns.htm>

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

**WWW.FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV**

By working together we can keep our neighborhoods vibrant, clean and wonderful places to live.

*To request this information in an alternate format, call the West  
Springfield Crime Prevention Office at 703-644-5026. TTY 703-204-2264.*



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